

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first sentence in the first paragraph on p. 16 of the Specification (p. 16, lines 6-10) as marked up below:

--However, in the context of the invention, there is no requirement the backplane connector 164 uses standard electrical signals for a fiber channel backplane 120 (such as for example the specification for fiber channel backplane 120 electrical signals found in the SFF-8045 document, available on the web via ~~www.sff.org~~ www.sff.org, hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein).--